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EDITORS' TABLE.

New popular scientific journals are appearing or are announced from time to time. We have received the first number of the *American Geologist*, which is published at Minneapolis. As its title implies, its field embraces geology and all the immediately allied and subordinate sciences. Its editorial corps embraces some of our most able and accomplished geologists. It deserves success, and our country is large enough to ensure this, if its people are sufficiently interested in the subject to subscribe for it.

Another important journal is announced by a New York company, to be called *Garden and Forest*, which is to be a Journal of Horticulture, Landscape Art, and Forestry. Its editors are to be Professors C. S. Sargent and W. G. Farlow, of Harvard, and Professor A. S. Packard, of Brown. This journal is designed for a comparatively wealthy constituency, and will not be, apparently, exclusively scientific, although its editorial corps is highly so.

So far as the publication of new scientific journals is concerned, we cannot have too many of them if they are well backed or sustained, financially. Unless this be the case, however, we regret the loss of time and labor which they cause to their projectors and contributors. Experts in science are not sufficiently numerous in this country to enable us to spare any of them for popular work, unless they are so compensated as to prevent any actual loss to their scientific efficiency. It may be safely assumed that every really meritorious work of a specialist which is produced in this country will have ten translators, even if his work reaches the American public by way of Europe, before it is appreciated. It is easier to compile than to produce.

We have had some experience of the financial aspect of the question. The perils are many and various. The *NATURALIST*, although now in its twenty-second year, has escaped shipwreck by little less than a miracle several times. But the maxim, "while there is life there is hope," has been as often verified, and the vigorous constitution which comes of—modesty forbids us to say just what—has triumphed, while many of our contemporaries have "joined the majority"—of popular scientific journals.